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SUBJ: PRESS STATEMENT ALLEGES FORMATION OF PORTUGUESE
GOVERNMENT IN EXILE

1. RIGHT WING MADRID DAILY "NUEVO DIARIO" OCTOBER 16 REPORTS PORTUGUESE EXILES MEETING IN MADRID PREVIOUS DAY HAVE PRO-CLAIMED FORMATION OF"PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT OF THE SILENT MAJORITY IN EXILE". ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE ALLEGEDLY RELEASED BY EXILES, ORGANIZATION WILL "STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION OF FATHER-LAND AGAINST INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM, SOVIET CLAWS AND TRAITORS OF SALAZAR REGIME." COMMUNIQUE (FULL TEXT NOT PUBLISHED) ALSO REPORTEDLY EXPRESSES GROUP'S "GRATITUDE TO SPANISH RIGHT WING FOR ITS SUPPORT AND HOSPITALITY."

2. FOLLOWING ARE "CABINET MEMBERS" OF EXILE GOVERMENT AS LISTED IN COMMUNIQUE: FOREIGN AFFAIRS: J. HELGUERA LUPI; INTERIOR: BARBIERI CARDOSO; INFORMATION: F. FUTRA FARIA; INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE: CARNEIRO PACHECO; ECONOMIC AND FINANCE: J. CHAMPALIMAUD; LABOR: ANTONIO ROSA CASACO; SOCIAL PROBLEMS: JOSE MARIA MOREIRA DA COSTA; JUSTICE: BRAGA DA CRUZ; WITHOUT PORTFOLIO: GONCALVEZ PEREIRA, DUARTE SALGADO VENTURA AND
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3. COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT NAMES OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE WERE NOT RELEASED BECAUSE TWO DESIGNATES STILL IN PORTUGAL "PURSUED BY SOLDIERS AND ARMED COMMUNIST ELEMENTS" AND THAT THEY EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MADRID IN NEXT FEW DAYS, AT WHICH TIME NAMES WILL BE RELEASED.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY NOW SEEKING TO CONFIRM AUTHENTICITY OF COMMUNIQUE. LOCAL PRESS CONTACTS, HOWEVER, SUSPECT COMMUNIQUE IS A HOAX OR POSSIBLY A LEFT WING PLANT, NOTING GRATUITIOUS EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO SPANISH RIGHT AND FACT THAT IT HAS APPEARED ONLY IN "NUEVO DIARIO" AND PRESENCE IN "CABINET" OF SUCH CONTROVERSIAL CHARACTERS AS FORMER PIDE LEADER BARBIERI. ONE LOCAL NEWSMAN EXPRESSED STRONG DOUBT THAT SERIOUS EXILE MOVEMENT WOULD RISK DISPLEASURE OF SPANISH GOVERNMENT BY PUBLICIZING SUCH MOVE AT THIS TIME.
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